The Syriac Language

Syriac Punctuation and Signs

܀	**SYRIAC END OF PARAGRAPH** ➢ **marks the end of a paragraph**
܁	**SYRIAC SUPRALINEAR FULL STOP** ➢ **marks interrogations, imperatives, and pauses, especially in Biblical texts**
܂	**SYRIAC SUBLINEAR FULL STOP** ➢ **marks subordinate clauses and minor pauses, especially in Biblical texts**
܃	**SYRIAC SUPRALINEAR COLON** ➢ **marks expressions of wonder and has a distinct pausal value in Biblical texts**
܄	**SYRIAC SUBLINEAR COLON** ➢ **used at the end of verses and supplications**
܅	**SYRIAC HORIZONTAL COLON** ➢ **joins two words closely together in a context to which a rising tone is suitable**
܆	**SYRIAC COLON SKEWED LEFT** ➢ **marks a dependent clause**
܇	**SYRIAC COLON SKEWED RIGHT** ➢ **marks the end of a subdivision of the apodosis, or latter part of a Biblical verse**
܈	**SYRIAC SUPRALINEAR COLON SKEWED LEFT** ➢ **marks a minor phrase division**
܉	**SYRIAC SUBLINEAR COLON SKEWED RIGHT** ➢ **marks the end of a real or rhetorical question**
܊	**SYRIAC CONTRACTION** ➢ **a contraction mark, mostly used in East Syriac** ➢ **placed at the end of an incomplete word**
܋	**SYRIAC HARKLEAN OBELUS** ➢ **marks the beginning of a phrase, word, or morpheme that has a marginal note**
܌	**SYRIAC HARKLEAN METOBELUS** ➢ **marks the end of a section with a marginal note**
܍	**SYRIAC HARKLEAN ASTERISCUS** ➢ **marks the beginning of a phrase, word, or morpheme that has a marginal note**

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Dedication

All my work in Syriac is dedicated to the Catholicos-Patriarch of ***The Assyrian Church of the East***, His Holiness Mar Dinkha IV, with love and respect.